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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:**

**SUBJECT**

: [ ] Disposition of Special  
Group, 30 July 1964

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[ ] presented charts showing that an 80% probability of [ ] terminal flight across North China rather than USSR could be achieved. He also mentioned that piecemeal development was feasible with an expenditure of only [ ] required to conduct radar cross section and construct tests.

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The great importance of the data to be acquired by [ ] was recognized, but the political aspects of USSR overflight were considered paramount. The probability of a change in this situation was regarded as so slight as to not justify any expenditure on [ ] development at this time.

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The ingenuity and thoroughness of those responsible for the [ ] proposal was commended.

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